

FOR THE BLOOD-THIRSTY SQUADRON.—The transport steamer Rhode Island will leave the Navy-Yard on Saturday evening next, for the Gulf Squadron. Letters and newspapers for Key West, Mississippi River, Fort Pickens, Texas, &c., will be received at the Post-Office until 4 o'clock p. m. Saturday. Postage on letters three cents and papers one cent.

CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS.—The semi-monthly meeting of this Board was held yesterday afternoon, President Draper occupying the chair. The report of the Committee of the Whole, ending Oct. 3, 705, showed that during the fortnight ending Oct. 3, 705, there were 1,000 persons in the House of Correction, 347 were there for the first time, 96 the second time, 74 the third time, and the remainder for different periods. Of the total number 233 were males and 472 females. Dr. G. H. Van Deusen and Dr. J. J. Bacon were appointed Visiting Physicians at the Lunatic Asylum. By a resolution, no visit to the Asylum is permitted at the Penitentiary. The Board directed the drawing of \$20,000 out of the appropriation for the Department of Charities for the year 1861, and \$25,000 from the appropriation for buildings and repairs for the Department of Charities for the same year.

The receipts for the past fortnight amounted to \$2,978.18, including \$1,743.18 for labor at the Penitentiary and \$1,235.00 for labor at the New York House of Correction. The weekly statement exhibited the following results:

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| Receiv. Aug. 23, 1861..... | 6,130 |
| Admitted since..... | 2,145 |
| Total..... | 8,275 |
| Discharged..... | 40 |
| Deceased..... | 127 |
| Sent to Blackwell's Island..... | 429 |
| Sent to Sing Sing..... | 6,295 |
| Remaining Oct. 3..... | 7,955 |
| Decrease in comparison with previous half month..... | 190 |

ACCIDENTS.—Harrison Sturge, a carpenter, at work on the new ferry-house now being built at Hamilton avenue, Brooklyn, on Wednesday afternoon fell from the scaffold, a distance of 30 feet, receiving severe injuries. He was taken to his residence corner of Prince and Wilkes streets, Brooklyn, yesterday. The body of Daniel Sheedy, a stone-cutter, who had been employed at Central Park, it appears that he fell from a scaffold some 20 or 30 feet from the ground while engaged in putting the scaffolding up, was killed on the spot. The jury rendered a verdict of "Accidental death." Deceased was a native of Ireland, and 42 years of age.

KINGS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CALENDAR. Oct. 11—Nos. 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

The Board met last evening, pursuant to adjournment, the President, MORGAN JONES, esq., in the chair.

Petitions were referred of Exempt Engine Company to have the steamer "C. C. Gay" put in repair on a reserve engine, and of the Hudson River Light House to bid him for land taken for the Central Park; of Trustees of Harlem School to be relieved of \$800 worth of assessments.

Resolutions were referred fixing the grade of Thirty-fourth street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues; directing the Street Commissioner to have the street graded, and to have the same done by the 1st of November; and to have the street graded, and to have the same done by the 1st of November.

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TO THE COMMANDER IN MISSOURI.

Thy voice, FREMONT, hath broke the fatal spell! Now all the wizards may, with busy hand, Wave, to renew it, each his ancient wand, Potent erewhile to thrall in bondage fell The faith that in the Nation's soul doth dwell— Potent no more forever, we are free!

Questioned by one heroic touch from thee, The Nation's heart rings out, as if a bell In heaven, by some angel minstrel now, Did, as a signal, through the azure sky, "A damning stain from Earth is washed away, And she henceforth shall wear a whiter brow Joyous among the stars." And here, thou Art as a star precluding light of day.

O eye, thou canst discern the light and flame! O eagle spirit, lift thy high career! True thou continued to shine early fame, And art, as erst, the People's Pioneer, Across the desert teaching it to steer; Mid all the terrors of our time, the same As when through mountain cloud-rack, void of fear, Thou heldst toward lands of gold high-hearted aim.

O'er darker desert now and craggier peak, Stormed on, alas, with a more blinding snow, And buffeted by winds more bitter black, Thine eye, thy footstep must before us go To lands with joy of justice all aglow— To lands of which all hopes and prophets speak.

D. A. W.

FROM MISSOURI.

Jefferson City, Architecturally, Topographically, Meteorologically, and Politically—Recentricities of Lager Beer—Home Guards—Bohemian Brigade—Departure of Gen. Hunter—Gen. McKinty—Gen. Fremont in Camp—Mrs. Fremont—Forward!

From Our Special Correspondent.

Jefferson, like several other objects in this world, looks pretty and picturesque from a distance, but rough and commonplace upon a microscopic view. The rosy Capitol, of light magnesian limestone, stands upon the crowning hill, and rounds off the picture, forcibly reminding you of the sober old State House which looks down on Boston Common; but it is the only thing here at all suggestive, unless by contrast, of the Athens of America. Multiform brick and frame-houses enough for a population of three thousand are "lying around loosely" over an area of a mile square, as if they had been tossed up like a peck of apples, and left to come down and locate themselves.

The town-site is seamed with sharp ridges and deep hollows, running parallel with the river. The unpaved, "cut-up" streets lead along narrow embankments, which offer to obstinate mules (and who ever saw a mule that was not obstinate?) unlimited facilities for shying off; and through tortuous excavations, which afford infinite possibilities of miring. The other night, six mules, attached to a baggage-wagon, made a dive down one of the embankments, and, after a series of summersaults, animals, drivers, wagon-wheels, and freight, all reached the bottom in a very chaotic condition. Jefferson always comes out strong on the wet-weather question. When Gen. Lyon got here, in June, he was received by a man with an umbrella; and when Gen. Fremont arrived, a few nights ago, he was taken in charge by the same gentleman with a lantern, who went floundering about through the mud, looking, not for an honest man, but for quarters for the Major-General and his staff.

For a week past there have been from 10,000 to 15,000 soldiers in and around Jefferson; but the most of them have now gone forward. Enough remain, however, to give the city quite the martial appearance. Newly mounted officers, who sit upon their steeds much as an elephant might be expected to walk a tight-rope, dash madly through the streets, fondly persuading themselves that they waltz the world with noble horsemanship. Subalterns show a weakness for brass buttons, epaulettes, and gold-tooths, which leaves feminine vanity quite in the shade. Columns upon columns of infantry, cavalry, and artillery, move through the streets, with eager eyes turned toward the South-West, where, I opine, they are likely to find a fight, even if they have to go down into Arkansas for it. There are a good many exclamations in vigorous Saxon, but it requires little observation of troops to learn that, if our army in Flanders were worse than armies in America, it must have been very ingenious and enterprising. Through the camps the alarm is sometimes given in the middle of the night, to accustom officers and men to spring to arms at a moment's notice. Upon the first of these sudden calls from Morpheus to Mars, a negro servant of one of Gen. Fremont's staff officers was so badly frightened that he brought up his master's horse with the crupper about his neck instead of the tail—a mistake discovered just in season to save the officer from the proverbial destiny of a beggar on horseback. The life and the bugle, the drum, the musket, and the cannon, have become familiar to our ears, and daily we conclude with Fesus, that

"Man is a military animal." Glories in gunpowder and forest parade.

Here is a German private very shy in the legs; like all his Teutonic brethren, he swears by Fremont and "fights mit Sigel." Too much larger is the matter with him; and in a state of serene though harmless inebriation, he is just being arrested by a file of soldiers. There is a capital print in circulation, which represents a native-born and a German volunteer, with uplifted mugs of the nectar of Gamsbrunn, striking hands to the motto, "One day, one country, one lager!"

Here is a detachment of the Home Guards against whom throughout the State there is a good deal of prejudice among our volunteers and regulars. To a proposition in Parliament, that the British militia should never be ordered out of the country, Pitt moved a satirical proviso, "Except in case of invasion." So it is alleged that the Missouri Home Guards are very useful except in case of a fight, when they all turn up missing; and I hear one merciless critic style them the "Home Cowards."

This does them injustice; there is some admirable fighting material among them, but they illustrate the well-known principle that to attain good drill and discipline, soldiers must be out of the reach of home.

Squads of penitentiary convicts—styled the "Jackson State Guards," in remembrance of the fugacious ex-Governor—are working upon the streets, with watchmen armed with shot-guns, lounging in the vicinity. The convicts are distinguished only by their striped pants; and yesterday one of them succeeded in stealing and donning a pair without the stripes, and coolly walked off undetected, under the very noses of the watchmen.

At the hotels are a dozen representatives of the New York, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Chicago newspapers, and the pictorial; for the journalist, like the war-horse, smells the battle afar off. They constitute the Bohemian Brigade; and with that touch of the vagabond which Irving attributes to all poetic temperaments, they forage vigorously upon the surrounding country, put horse-die to severe and unwelcome tests, make heavy drafts upon the cigar dealer, and the native-ivory merchants do a good deal of private snoring, and have very confused ideas of *neum and dum* in regard to each other's wardrobe, each appropriating a desirable hat or coat wherever he finds it, with the remark that the owner is undoubtedly dead—all waiting impatiently the while to

press, by permission of the Post-Office Department, to start from the western terminus of the Louisville Telegraph, which is now completed about 150 miles west of Knoxville. It is the intention of the company to have the line completed by the 15th of November, which will do away with the Pony altogether. The Overland Mail Company have moved their stable and office to Atchison, Kansas, by which they save about twenty miles of travel by coach, as they take the mails from here to Atchison by railroad. The man who represented to the Post-Office Department that the President and all his employees of the C. O. R. R. were contractors for the line to Salt Lake were traitors, spoke the truth, and stated a fact known to all who know anything about the Company.

For two or three weeks, heavy rains have fallen in this section, causing high streams, muddy roads, and considerable inconvenience to soldiers.

LOCAL MILITARY MATTERS.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOLDIERS TO TRANSMIT THEIR PAY TO THEIR FAMILIES.

The most important system recently introduced in our grand army is that by which each soldier can transmit his pay to a person of his own choice, or to his family, thus contributing to their support, and relieving, in a measure, the corporate authorities and the various Union Defense Committees. At the commencement of the war, the New-York State Militia were hurried off to the field, leaving the families of nearly two-thirds of the soldiers in a destitute condition. The money appropriated by the corporate authorities and the subscriptions obtained from private sources, was distributed among the most needy; and in fact, all who were necessitated by the absence of husbands and fathers were aided by the Common Council and the Union Defense Committee. In due time the soldiers received their pay, but out of the many thousands of dollars disbursed to the various regiments only a small proportion thereof was sent by the soldiers to their families. 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